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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests; Federal Student Aid; Federal Perkins Loan Program/NDSL Assignment Form

SUMMARY: The Federal Perkins Loan Program allows for assignment of certain defaulted loans from schools to continued collection efforts when the school has exhausted all of its efforts in recovering an outstanding loan. The Perkins Assignment Form serves as the transmittal document in the assignment of such loans to the Federal Government.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [insert the 60th day after publication of this notice].

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to <a href="ICDocketMgr@ed.gov">ICDocketMgr@ed.gov</a> or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. Copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <a href="http://edicsweb.ed.gov">http://edicsweb.ed.gov</a>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 04886. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to <a href="ICDocketMgr@ed.gov">ICDocketMgr@ed.gov</a> or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

<u>Title of Collection</u>: Federal Perkins Loan Program/NDSL Assignment Form

OMB Control Number: 1845-0048

Type of Review: Extension

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 14,055

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 7,028

Abstract: Schools participating in the Federal Perkins Loan Program, formerly the National Direct/Defense Student Loan Program (NDSL), currently use this form to assign defaulted loans to the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) for collection. These defaulted loans may, as outlined in 20 U.S.C. 1087cc and under program regulations 34 CFR 674.50, be assigned to the Federal government (i.e., U.S. Department of Education) for collection when the school has exhausted all efforts in the recovery of the outstanding loan. In addition, schools use this form to assign loans for which a school has approved a total and permanent

disability discharge request, in accordance with 34 CFR 674.61(b) (2) (v).

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